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ASUNCION 0279

E.O. 12065: GDS 1/19/85 (DION, JERROLD MARK) OR-M

TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJECT: AMILCAR SANTUCHO

REF: (A) STATE 012815, (B) ASUNCION 5496

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1. EMBASSY WAS QUERIED BY US MISSION GENEVA (GENEVA 19887) AS TO ADVISABILITY OF VISIT TO PARAGUAY BY PARENTS OF AMILCAR SANTUCHO EARLY IN NEW YEAR TO HELP SECURE HIS RELEASE. IT WAS OUR FEELING THAT THEIR PRESENCE MIGHT COMPLICATE UN REP'S EFFORTS TO HAVE SANTUCHO RELEASED AND DEPORTED TO SWEDEN OR SWITZERLAND. THIS ESTIMATE WAS CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. CHARGE CALLED ON GERMAN AMBASSADOR JANUARY 19 TO DISCUSS CORONEL CASE AND TO PASS ALONG MESSAGE IN REF A. AMBASSADOR ENGLES WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT HE WAS BEING ADVISED OF ARRIVAL OF SANTUCHO'S PARENTS BECAUSE, APART FROM MEETING WITH GERMAN REP OF HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES LAST AUGUST, HE HAS NOT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH SANTUCHO CASE SINCE, ALTHOUGH HE REGULARLY LISTS SANTUCHO AS ONE OF REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERIOR UNDER SECRETARY (BASTARD). ENGLES SHARED OUR ESTIMATE THAT ARRIVAL OF PARENTS MIGHT COMPLICATE UN REP SINGH'S EFFORTS TO HAVE HIM DEPORTED. ENGLES ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED REPEATEDLY BY BESTARD THAT SANTUCHO WOULD NOT BE RETURNED TO ARGENTINA BUT EXPELLED FROM PARAGUAY THROUGH UN MEDIATION AND RELATIVELY SOON.

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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